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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	2219.0110003
First Inventor	W. Dale HOLLINGSWORTH
Title	Handle For Carrying Case
Express Mail Label No.	

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification [Total Pages 45]  
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  - Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 6]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 1]
  - a.  Newly executed (original or copy)
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(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
    - i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.
7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)
  - a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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    - ii.  paper
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9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  
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11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)
12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations
13.  Preliminary Amendment
14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
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15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
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Continuation  Divisional  Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application No: 09/931,036  
Prior application information: Examiner William D. Hutton, Jr. Art Unit: 2178

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL

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First Named Inventor	<b>W. Dale HOLLINGSWORTH</b>
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1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
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1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
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1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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Appl. No. *To Be Assigned*; Filed: *Herewith*  
(Continuation of Appl. No. 09/931,036; Filed: August 17, 2001)  
For: **Handle For Carrying Case**  
Inventor(s): W. Dale HOLLINGSWORTH  
Our Ref: 2219.0110003

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Handle For Carrying Case**

and naming as inventor(s):

W. Dale HOLLINGSWORTH

the application consisting of:

- a. An Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
- b. A copy of the executed Declaration, as originally filed in U.S. Appl. No. 09/493,548, (2 pages);

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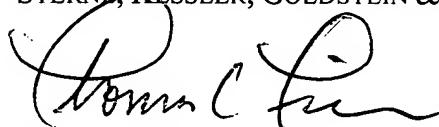
- c. A specification containing:
  - i. 36 pages of description prior to the claims;
  - ii. 8 pages of claims (29 claims);
  - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- d. 6 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-15);

4. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
5. A Preliminary Amendment;
6. Two (2) return postcards; and
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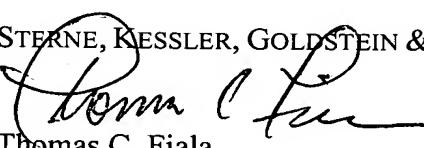
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